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# The Document

## U.S. Constitution

- Using the National Constitution Center website, visit **Explore the Constitution**.  
<http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution>
- Click LEARN MORE box below the **Preamble**.
- Be sure to read the INTERPRETATION that is below every section of the Constitution as you explore. This area will give you necessary information to answer the questions that follow.

### **Preamble**

1. Which basic principle is implied by the first few words of the Constitution?
2. What has included more people into "We the People" over time? Provide 3 examples.
3. Who is responsible for putting the words of the Constitution in the most understandable verbiage?
4. What event confirmed the phrase, "We the People of the United States"?
5. Using the different levels of government learned in Federalism, which level held all power under the Articles of Confederation?
6. The text compares the drafting of a new Constitution as what?
7. What are the goals listed in the Preamble?
8. What has the Supreme Court declared about your right to sue based upon the goals listed in the Preamble?
9. Who opposed the language of the Constitution? Explain his argument.
10. What reasons did Justice Thurgood Marshall give to illustrate the flaws of the Constitution?
11. What did Benjamin Franklin conclude about Washington's chair by the end of the Convention?

### **Article One**

1. Explain how separation of powers can be seen in Art I, Sect I
2. Section 2 primarily lays out the establishment of
3. Section 3 primarily lays out the establishment of
4. Section 7 links together what big concern for most early American?

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5. In Section 7, Clause 2, who is introduced into the lawmaking process?
6. In how many clauses of Section 8 does the Constitution lay out the many powers of Congress?
7. How could you summarize Section 9?

### **Article Two**

1. After the term of the president is established, what is described at length in Section 1?
2. Summarize Section 2.
3. What famous speech is derived from the text of Section 3?
4. What basic principle can be seen in Section 4? Explain.

### **Article Three**

1. Explain the term of a court member established in Section 1.
2. Who is responsible for making inferior courts that would feed the Supreme Court?
3. How could you briefly summarize Section 2?
4. What is the only crime mentioned in the entire Constitution? How many witnesses must support the accusation of this crime? (Sect 3)

### **Article Four**

1. What is Section 1 Clause 1 nicknamed? What does it provide?
2. How is S1C1 controversial?
3. What process is set up in Section 3?
4. What is guaranteed in Section 4?

### **Article Five**

1. Article Five's one section lays out what process?

### **Article Six**

1. What is established in Article Six?
2. How does this contradict what you know about the Articles of Confederation?

### **Article Seven**

1. Recite the first line of the Article: